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THAT CHURCH TRAGEDY

Charged With the Crime of Murder.

HANSON COMPLAINANT.

New Developments at Every Step of the Investigation.

TWO VICTIMS DISCOVERED.

Henrietta Clausen and Annie Samuelsen, Both Young Girls.

Letters From the Pastor-He Was Short in His Accounts-Barrel is Supposed the Body Was Muti-Drugs and Poisons on Hand-He Pawned a Watch and Ring Be-Startling Discoveries Made Yesterday-The Tragedy the Sole Topic of Discussion Throughout the City-Thousands of Heralds Containing the Exclusive Report of the Affair Sold.

When The Herald, containing the exclusive account of the horrible discoveries made at the Scandinavian Methodist church, appeared on the streets vescerday morning it caused a profound sensation, the like of which has not been witnessed for many a day. And as the hours were on and the neaceful city gradually awakened, the The Herald prepared for a great demand for papers. Extra bundles were sent to all of the nearby towns and a Big supply was kept on hand in the counting room. But the demand exceeded all estimates. The newsboys sold papers by the hundreds and every one wanted a Herald. People called at the business office in one steady stream throughout the day, and late at night people who had failed to secure a copy came up to the editorial rooms. SOMEWHAT PERSONAL.

The news of the discoveries was of such a startling nature that a few people tried to discredit it. They shortly discovered, however, that the story was correct in all its details and that there was much more to come. Then these interested parties volunteered the information that The Herald had in some way, they didn't know how, violated a

All of which is bosh. The facts are eimply that on Friday afternoon, the city editor of the paper, by the merest chance, came upon a clue to the case. With a reporter, an investigation was started, and by evening, the outlines of the story had been secured, but it was not until 2 o'clock yesterday morning that the details had been filled in. During the entire time, not one word of information was received from any official nor from any person connected with the case in an official way. It is said that Chief Pratt had previously confided to one of the owners of the Tribune a statement of the case, with the understanding that it was not to be used until permission was given and



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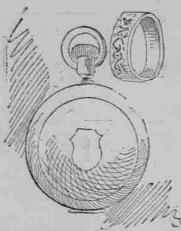
Chief I calt had requested that the all search was in vain and I began to

Rev. Francis Hermans publication be withheld for the time, it would have been agreed to. As the matter stands, The Herald was under no agreement with any one; its reporters simply worked out the puzzle in their own way and by their own

> YESTERDAY'S DEVELOPMENTS. Yesterday's developments were of a nature bordering on the startling.

> John Hanson, who is connected with the church, swore to a complaint charging Rev. Francis Hermans with murdering Miss Henrietta Clausen by

The officials ordered a large number of photographs of the missing minister, and they will be at once sent over the country, and it is believed that in a



Watch and Ring Belonging to Annie Samuelsen, Pawned by Pastor

very short time, the pastor will be apprehended in case he does not surren-

It developed during the day that Miss Annie Samuelsen, a handsome young woman and an intimate friend of Miss Clausen and the minister, had also mysteriously disappeared and no trace

The pastor's study was searched, and in his trunk were found articles belonging to both of the missing girls.

These are but a few of the many details that have come to light and the officers are now thoroughly convinced sensation increased. The importance of that Miss Clausen was deliberately this feature was fully appreciated, and | murdered by the minister and her body

THE FIRE IN THE FURNACE. "Last Thursday, for the first time, I heard of the fire in the furnace. My suspicion was at once aroused and seeking Rev. Mark, the presiding elder, we went into the basement and instituted the investigation. We found hones in the ash box of the furnace and some bits of a belt, buckles and other things that more than ever confirmed some bits of a belt, buckles and other things that more than ever confirmed the suspicion already within my mind. We had no manner of knowing that the bones found were those of a human body and so to satisfy ourselves took them to Dr. Jennisen. He was not sure they were human bones, but suspicioned it strongly and thereupon myself and Mark notified the chief of police. In conjunction with him we have followed out the investigation, and you know the result."

LAST SEEN OF THE GIRL

'Questioned about the disappearance "Questioned about the disappearance of Miss Clausen the reporter was informed by Mr. Hanson the Lacts as so fully related in The Herald of yesterday. The last seen of the missing woman was on Sunday evening, Sept. 22. After the evening services in the church were over Rev. Hermans and Miss Chausen were standing at the top of the stairway in front of the door leading to Mr. and Mrs. Hanson's apartments.

apartments.
"I remember it so distinctly," said
Mr. Hanson.
"We were standing there conversing

We were statuing there conversing together when Rev. Hermans passed us to go down into his study, where Miss Clausen had been sleeping the past few nights. As he got down to the foot of the stairs he spoke to Miss Clausen, asking her to bring down his slik hat, which she did. It was just about 6.20 colorly in the system. We about 9:30 o'clock in the svening. We chatted there together for some time, and Miss Clausen finally bid us goodnight. That was the last ever seen of Miss Clausen."
"Did Rev. Hermans ever offer any

explanation as to how the girl disap

HERMANS' EXPLANATION.

'Yes; he told us that after entering the study that night she made an imthe study that hight she made an im-proper proposal to him, and that being sternly rebuked, she packed up a few of her belongings and departed about midnight, since which time he con-fessed ignorance as to her where-

Such were substantially the main points of the story told by the man who, aside from the murderer, last saw Henrietta Clausen alive. The above was also the story upon which the police have been prosecuting their in-vestigation, and which has resulted in the unearthing of the crime.

AUTHORITIES TAKE HOLD.

The Investigation Pushed With the Utmost Vigor Yesterday.

When the facts, as published in The Herald, became known, the police and county authorities entered upon an investigation in earnest. The discoveries were the most startling in their nature and seem to form link upon link in the chain of circumstantial evidence which is being woven around Rev. Hermans. In his study in the church were found two trunks, and



REV. FRANCIS HERMANS.

(Photo by Matsen Bros., Commercial Street.)

THE FIRST MOVE.

Instituted By John Hanson, Formerly a Methodist Minister.

To John Hanson belongs the credit of making the first move which led to the discovery of the greatest crime in the history of Utah. Mr. Hanson, as previously stated, resides in the second story of the church. He was formerly a Methodist minister, but lately has followed journalism. He is a gentleman of refinement and intelligence and the story which led to the finding of

best told in his own words, "Ever since the disappearance of Miss Clausen," began Mr. Hanson when approached by a Herald man," we have suspicioned that something was wrong. Of course, no one thought that such a tragedy could have been possible. We thought the disappearance was enshrouded in such peculiar circumstances that my wife caused to be inserted in a Scandinavian paper at developments justified it. No informa- Portland, an inquiry as to the wheretion of any sort concerning the case abouts of the missing girl. This was was ever given by any official to The during the early part of last fall and Herald. If that had been done, and also during the past winter. Of course,

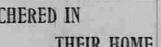
upon being opened their contents re-vealed articles belonging not only to Miss Clausen, but also to Miss Samuelsen, the other missing girl. There were found crochet work, tidles, crazy quilts and other things intended for interior decorations. The articles belonging to Miss Samuelsen were positively tified by the missing girl's aunt. it was that the authorities began to suspicion that the owner of the trunks knew more about the missing girls than anyone else.

MORE EVIDENCE OF MURDER.

But be that left for the future. The the story which led to the finding of the charred bones supposed to be those belonging to Henrietta Clausen are best told in his own words.

Alongside of the furnace stood a barrel, and when subjected to an examination human blood was found upon it. There were several old copies of The Heraid, one containing the ghastly story of Theide's crime, besmeared with blood. The lower door of the furnace has a streak of red across the front, which

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HAD BUT LITTLE MONEY IN THE

AVA, Mo., May 23 .- The members of

of this place, today, foully murdered. Ernest E. Sawyer, the son, had stab wounds in the throat and breast, had both jaws broken and head and face beaten into a jelly. He had evidently been murdered in the barn and the bady dragged into the house. The skulls of both father and mother were crushed in. Mrs. Sawyer's left arm was also

broken, evidently in trying to ward off a murderous blow. The three bodies were found piled together under a bed. The doors of the small log cabin in which the family lived were both fastened and the window blinds had been drawn. On the front door was a card,

arawn. On the fold work as a carry, appn which had been scrawled the words: "We are gone to Ozark; will be back Monday or Tuesday."

This is supposed to have been left by the murderer. The object of the crime appears to have been robbery. The Sawyers came here from Linn county, here to be the sawyers came here from Linn county. Iowa, last November, and were peace-able, hard working people. They are known to have had about \$80 in the cabin. Their team and wagon are missing. The murder is believed to have been committed Wednesday evening. A young man who recently came here from northern Kansas and who was seen in company with young Sawwas seen in company with young saw-yer on Wednesday evening is missing. There is strong suspicion against him. Should he be apprehended and there be incriminating evidence against him, he will surely be lynched.

Allen is Captured. MINNEAPOLIS Minn. May 22 .- A special to the Journal from Deer Lodge

Phillip Allen the man who last Sat-

Phillip Allen the man who last Sat-urday killed his divorced wife and then fled is captured. A reward of \$1,000 had been offered for his capture, dead or alive, and armed parties had been searching for aim a week. He was taken by surprise and no blood was shed. For fear of lynching he was lodged in the state penitentiary at Deer Lodge. Allen killed a man in 1883 and disappeared only to return and deliberately shoot his wife, aged 55, who after his disappearance se-cured a divorce and married again. cured a divorce and married again.

Crime of a Lunatic.

CHICO, Cal., May 23.-This afternoon Richard Little, 56 years of age, shot streak of red across the front, which has been pronounced human blood. It was evident that the murderer of Miss Clausen had used the barrel as a block for his butchery. The door of the furnace is not very large—ten by six inches—and would not admit a whole human bdily. The murderer had used the knives and razors, found under

The Deadly Penknife.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—It is now for the gold standard.

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Silver Wing.

Indianapolis, May 22.—A meeting of nearly all the prominent Democrats of this city was held tonight for the purpose and the proclamation offering \$1.00 reward for his city was held tonight for the purpose of the proclamation offering \$1.00 reward for his city was held tonight for the purpose of the proclamation offering \$1.00 reward for his city was held tonight for the purpose of the proclamation offering \$1.00 reward for his city was held tonight for the purpose of the proclamation offering \$1.00 reward for his city was held tonight for the purpose of the proclamation offering \$1.00 reward for his city was held tonight for the purpose of poposing the free silver wing of Democrats of the county opposed to free coinage. A mass meeting of Democrats of the county opposed to free silver was called for Thursday evening at Martinez through to the auditing department of the Southern Pacific, showing that it had been used to the proclamation offering \$1.00 reward for his city was held tonight for the purpose of possing the free silver wing of Democrats of this city was held tonight for the purpose of possing the free silver wing of Democrats of the county opposed to free coinage. A mass meeting of Democrats of the county opposed to free coinage. A mass meeting of Democrats of the county opposed to free coinage. A mass meeting of Democrats of the county opposed to free coinage. A mass meeting of Democrats of the county opposed to free coinage. A mass meeting of Democrats of Democrats of the county opposed to free coinage. A mass meeting of Democrats of the county opposed to free coinage. A mass meeting of Democrats of the county opposed to free coinage. A mass meeting of Democrats of the county opposed to free coinage. A mass Blanther's Case.

known that J. E. Blanther, the ex-Hungarian officer who is suspected of the Sawyer family, consisting of father, mother and grown up son, were discovered in their home, one mile east covered in their home, one mile east night say that Blanther was a passentiation. the murder of Mrs. Langfeldt, went to ger on the train. They have positively moving his gloves. It is known that in cutting Mrs. Langeldt's throat, the murderer also cut one of his bands, and it is supposed that a desire to conceal this wound prompted Blan-

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 23.—Gov-ernor Budd has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest of Joseph Blanther, who is believed to have murdered Mrs Philonena Langeldt, at San Francisco last Friday night.

Charged With Perjury.

TORONTO, Ont., May 23.—Detective Porter, of this city, and Detective Baer, of Detroit, arrested Mrs. Eller ker, of Detroit, arrested Mrs. Ellen Gertrude Bolger, who has lived with her husband at 89 Van Auley street, on a charge of having committed perjury in Detroit a few weeks ago. On April II., Mrs. Neille Morse, a milliner in Detroit, insured her stock for \$500. Two days later there was a fire in her shop and she made a claim on the insurance companies stating that two men had aided her in extinguishing the blaze without help from the firemen. When the insurance people ing the blaze without help from the firemen. When the insurance people were called in to inspect, they found the entire stock drenched with yater, but not damaged by fire. One of Mrs. Moore's witnesses was Mrs. Bolger and she is now wanted on the charge of parinty. She may fight extradition. of perjury. She may fight extradition

Mr. Becker's Trunks. NEW YORK, May 23.—The police of Jersey City, N. J., have seized three

trunks of Charles Becker, who is under arrest in Newark charged with being concerned in a transaction through which the Nevada bank, of San Fran-cisco, was swindled out of \$29,000. Noth-ing but the wearing apparel of Becker was found. BURNED UP MAIL.

DENVER, Colo., May 23.-A special

o the Times from Cripple Creek says: Citizens are indignant because wagon-loads of mail have been taken from the postoffice and been burned. Much of it was plainly addressed to a box number In the destroyed mail were letters addressed to other places. Postmaster Rose says the mail was burned by order of the postoffice in-

BIG SUIT IN CHEYENNE.

(Special to The Herald.) CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 23.-Mrs. Susan D. Carey of Philadelphia, commenced suit in the United States court
here today to compel the treasurer of
Natsona county to pay for \$4,000 worth
of county warrants held by the plain-HOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 22 -- May- tiff, who claims that county money is instructed,

THEIR HOME

Or W. W. Waters of this city at 9:30 tonight killed Harry Martin, a doctor's drummer on the street by cutting his throat with a pocket knife. The killing grew out of the war being waged on the drummers of the city by the city authorities. Martin accosted Waters on the street and a quarrel arrose when the mayor drew his knife ard cut Martin's throat from ear to ear. The mayor was arrested and is at the sheriff's office tonight.

Mayor Waters gained national notoriety through his connection with the Corbett-Fitzsimmons flasco.

INDIANA DEMOCRATE being diverted for other purposes. WHAT WESTERN when it should be used for paying these warrants. Under the Wyoming laws, the counties are authorized to issue certificates of indebtedness for current expenses, which are made first charges on money collected by the country during the year of their issuance. The plaintiff contends that this law is in conflict with the constitution of the United States, in so far as it relates to warrants issued prior to the

INDIANA DEMOCRATS.

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SCHLATTER.

He Has Retired From the Healing

PRESCOTT, Ariz., May 23.-Schlatter, the healer, passed through Kirkland valley, thirty miles from Prescott. today. The citizens of the valley offered him food and lodging, but he refused to accept either. He stated that
he was going to El Dorado mountains
in southern Nevada. He was traveling
the decision: Summaries:
One-balf mile scratch, amateur—
Hardy Downing, San Jose, won, T. H.
Griffith, San Francisco, second, Kenna
third. Time—1:15. alone on a white mule, and said he subsisted entirely on herbs and nuts, sleeping out of doors at night. He said he would not perform any more said he would not perform any more healing for a year.

THEY WANT GOLD.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., May 23.-The

MEN WILL DO

Republicans to Make a Struggle For Silver.

WILL FIGHT TO A FINISH

PORT IN CASE OF DEFEAT. This Report Will Not, However, De-

and in Strongest Terms and Most Specific Language That Can Be Gold, We Will Give Them the Best

CHICAGO, May 23.-A Washington special to the Post says: The free silver delegates to St. Louis will not boit. Such at least is not their present intent. Tiles

present purpose is for the shvetites to make their fight on the piatform, take no part in the nomina-tion of a ticket (being mute when k-comes to balloting) and then make such combinations and alliances after, wards as will give greatest promise of future influence. It is barely possi-ble that they will amend the second clause of the propositive and love. clause of the proposition, and instead of retraining from balloting "plunge" on Senator Don Cameron and make a fight for him in their respective

a fight for him in their respective states.

But the most interesting feature of the programme remains to be told. The silver delegates will have a representation of eight or nine on the committee on resolutions, including such fighters as Teller, Dubois, Carterand Cannon. These men will make as big a fight as they can in committee and will, of course, be outword over. big a fight as they can in committee and will, of course, be outvoted over-whelmingly. They will then proceed to formulate a minority report, but it will not declare for free silver. It will be an out and out gold platform. It will pronounce for gold monometallism in the most specific terms and in the strongest language that can be employed. If the silver delegation cannot seeme the recognition of silver there

ployed. If the silver delegation cannot secure the recognition of silver they propose to force the convention to go on record squarely for or against a plain gold standard.

"If the convention is bent on taking gold," said a mountain state senator who will be a delegate to St. Louis, "we will give it a chance to take the refined article so that there can be no doubt as to the quality."

THE NIGHT'S SPORT.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23 .- Four thousand people witnessed the night races of the national circuit at Centra races of the hatlonal circuit at Central park tonight. The racing was fully up to the standard of the afternood meeting. The professionals put up some very fine racing, especially if the final of the mile handloap, the finish being very close between Parker of Michigan and the Terrill brothers, the former setting the decision. Sum

THE MILWAUKEZ STRIKE.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 21.-The strike situation is practically unchanged.